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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 21 are pending. No claims have been added, canceled, or amended.

This amendment is accompanied by a petition for a two-month extension of time. The Director is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2525 in the amount of $450.00 to cover the fee for the two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2). This response also is accompanied by a Terminal Disclaimer. The Director is further authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2525 in the amount of $130.00 to cover the statutory disclaimer fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d). No additional fees are believed due. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficit, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

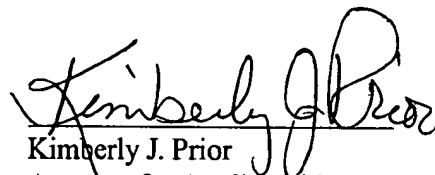## REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1 TO 16 UNDER THE JUDICIALLY CREATED DOCTRINE OF OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1 to 16 remain rejected over claims 1 to 23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,462,198 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. While not acquiescing to the merits of the rejection, Applicants enclose herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, disclaiming that portion of the term of a patent issuing from the instant application which extends beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,462,198, rendering this rejection moot.

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The foregoing amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action issued December 9, 2005. Applicants submit that Claims 1 to 21 are allowable. Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes there are other issues that can be resolved by telephone interview, or that there are any informalities remaining in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney is respectfully solicited.

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